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Applicants :Zhang, Sui-Po, et al.
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Title :Neuroblastoma cell lines expressing the $\alpha 2\delta$ Subunit of Calcium Channels and Methods Therefore
Art Unit :7714
Examiner :Katcheves, K.

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 1, 2002 the time being extended to March 1, 2003, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-10, directed to a method for detecting binding of a test substance to the $\alpha 2\delta$ subunit.

In the Claims:

Kindly delete claim 11.

Remarks

Applicants have elected Group I for examination and have cancelled claim 11 without prejudice to Applicant's option of pursuing the subject matter of claim 11 in a related application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, she is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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